

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been amended. No claims have been added. After entry of this amendment claims 1-4 will remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 were rejected by the Examiner. They were specifically rejected as being anticipated by JP (60-060098) under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to now recite a cowling assembly comprising, *inter alia*, a raised shoulder positioned adjacent to a latch handle where the raised shoulder is located between the handle and an edge of the exterior cowling surface from which it protrudes.

JP ('098) shows an cowling assembly having an upper motor cover mating with an upper motor cover. A latch handle is located on the rear surface of the lower motor cover. An upper portion of the lower motor cover is raised and extends above both the handle and from an edge thereof. The raised portion of JP ('098) is not located between the handle and the surface from which it protrudes, as is claimed by the Applicant. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 should now be allowable over JP ('098).

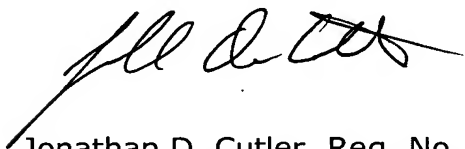
Claim 4 has been amended to more clearly define that the pentagonal shape of the shoulder is when viewed from from the side of thereof. However, the Applicant would like to submit that by this amendment he does not disclaim that the shoulder could have a pentagonal cross-section. Dependent claims 2-4 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

The Examiner pointed out that the information disclosure statement filed on 07/10/2003 did not contain a legible copy of each non-patent literature document. The Applicant also noticed that the foreign patent

document and the non-patent literature document of the information disclosure statement filed on 12/04/2003 were not initialed by the Examiner. Therefore, a new information disclosure statement containing all of the previously unconsidered references is being submitted herewith along with a legible copy of the foreign patent document and the non-patent literature documents to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) so that they may be considered by the Examiner. (The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.)

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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